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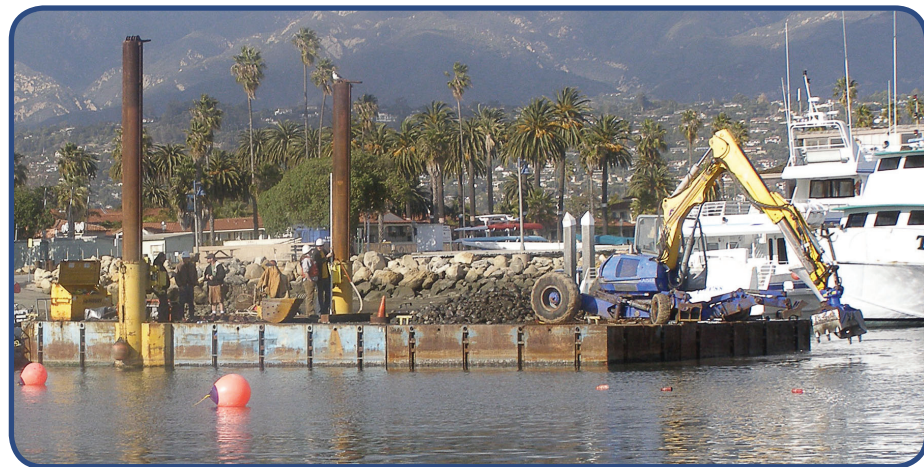
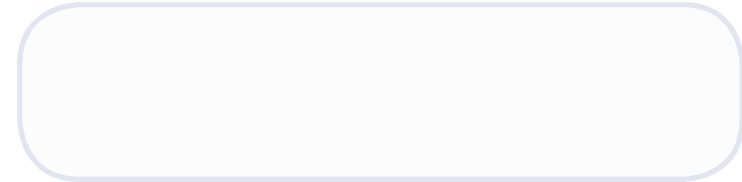
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Cobble Bar Removed

For years, low tides have been a problem for Sea Landing's fishing and dive boats, whose keels have been chipped and propellers dinged on a shallow, cobble bar right off their docks. To solve the problem, a local contractor (AIS Construction) came up with a great suggestion: use a unique piece of equipment working from a barge to selectively remove the shallowest rocks. The Spyder is a strange looking excavator that has both wheels and "feet" to help it access the most difficult terrain. It also sports a bucket that can swivel, articulate at various angles and be lengthened or shortened at the touch of a button.

Prior to the removal effort, the Department's dive crew conducted several detailed surveys, pinpointing the shallowest parts of the cobble bar. As a result, the Spyder's operator knew exactly where to dig (some removed cobbles actually had bottom paint on them) and finished the project in three days. Department staff wishes to thank AIS Construction Company for partnering with us to solve this unique navigational problem.



Era of Tall Ships Comes To Life

See details inside for Santa Barbara Maritime Museum's Sea Festival with the return of the *Spirit of Dana Point*.

Harbor Commission Dates:

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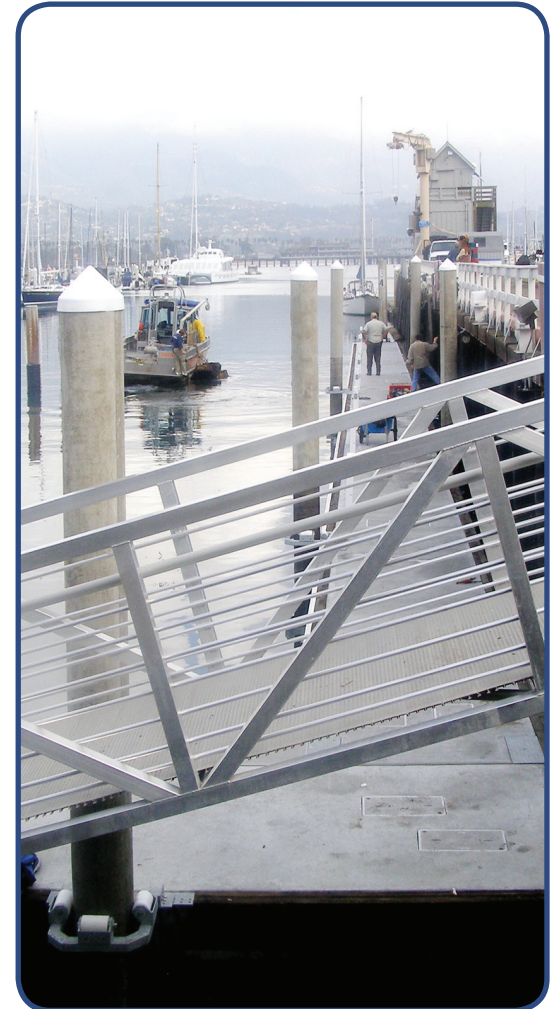
Seawall Dredging—Keeping Sediment at Bay

By: Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Prior to breakwater construction in 1930, bluffs along Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) were right on the beach. Like all coastal bluffs, they eroded directly into the ocean during heavy rains and high surf. Following breakwater construction, the SBCC bluffs eroded directly into the harbor—and they still do.

Bluff erosion causes gradual shoaling between the seawall and Marinas 2, 3, and 4, restricting access during low tides. Extensive sediment tests were conducted to determine the most feasible method of removing sediment along the seawall. The sediment met criteria for hydraulic dredging and surf-zone disposal, similar to that conducted annually by the Corps of Engineers (dredging material from the Harbor's main channel), but on a much smaller scale—5,000 cubic meters compared to 250,000 cubic meters.

Low bidder for the seawall dredging project was Eveready Industrial Services, a Canadian company with a small, electric-powered dredge. The dredge moves along a cable strung between pilings, rocks, or anything else that aligns it with the area to be dredged. The dredge is whisper quiet and pumps the sediment to a tank on West Beach. Two booster pumps then send the sediment on its way to the surf zone off East Beach, another ¾ mile down-coast. The project will likely be completed by late March or early April, at which time access to the Sailing Center and side-tie berths in Marinas 2, 3, and 4 should be improved.



New Docks at Fish Float North

Home to 11 commercial fishing boats, Fish Float North docks were recently replaced. Locals and visitors got a first-hand view of the dock reconstruction project, located directly in front of Brophy Bros. restaurant. Like most construction projects, things didn't go perfectly as planned and some creativity was needed to make the docks fit. Construction occurred during some of the lowest tides of the year and it was immediately obvious that the new docks were about 16" too long.

Using the same equipment as underwater treasure hunters, our dive crew moved sediment and a few rocks to help make the docks fit. A clamshell bucket deployed from a barge-mounted crane handled some really big stones the dive crew couldn't move. With new docks, pilings, electrical service and water, Fish Float North will provide safe and secure berthing for years to come.



Fish Market Opens at Larger Harbor Location

By: Greg Johnson, Property Management Specialist

Great news for fishermen and seafood lovers alike! The Santa Barbara Fish Market has opened in a new, larger location a few yards up Harbor Way in the old tackle shop space.

Owner Brian Colgate has eight years' experience in the fish processing and fish sales business, previously operating the Santa Barbara Fish Market from a tiny space next to the Minnow Cafe for about five years. But the Fish Market has grown into a seven-day-a-week retail and wholesale operation, making larger quarters necessary. On many days you can see Fish Market staff unloading fresh fish right off our local boats. The fish are then sold directly from the new location or delivered to other South Coast customers.

So make it a point to stop by, check out the new market and take home some fresh fish. You can also place special seafood orders online via the Santa Barbara Fish Market website at www.sbfish.com

CLEAN MARINA CORNER

Marina One East Sewage Pumpouts Repaired

By: Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

Ever been frustrated by the Marina One east pumpout stations? No prime? Slow pumping? Had to shut off a valve on one station to get the other station working? They didn't work at all?

Well, your worries are over.

Waterfront staff fixed the problems by adding an extra pump to the system and separating the pumpout on the R/S walkway from the pumpout adjacent to the Marina One east restroom. Now the two stations work independently and boaters report no difficulties since the repairs were made in January.

Waterfront staff wishes to thank local boaters for alerting us to the chronic problems with the Marina One east pumpout stations. The repairs reflect our commitment to accessible and reliable Clean Marina facilities. If you have any questions regarding the pumpout repairs or other facilities operations, please contact Harbor Maintenance at (805) 564-5522.

Waterfront Department Two-Year Budget

By: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Business Manager

The Waterfront Department and all other City Departments are currently developing their operating budgets and submitting them for City Council approval. The upcoming budget cycle will be a two-year budget for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

Overall, the Department's budget is expected to increase by an average of 5% per year over the two-year budget cycle. Revenue is expected to continue to exceed expenses, with all excess revenue being accumulated in the Department's reserves.

No staffing changes are proposed during the FY2008/2009 budget cycle, and the Department will remain at its current level of 46 full-time employees, including Harbor Patrol, Facilities Maintenance, Parking and Administration.

The Department will fund \$3,960,000 of capital improvement projects over the next two years. Funding for capital projects comes from the Department's capital reserve fund, also known as the Harbor Preservation Fund. Capital projects include the first phase of the Marina 1 rehabilitation, re-roofing two buildings on Harbor Way, timber/pile replacement on the Navy Pier and Stearns Wharf and parking lot slurry sealing.

The Department will continue to pursue grant opportunities, such as recent grants from the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to replace engines for Patrol Boats 1 and 2, and remove abandoned vessels. The Department is also researching DBW's public entity loan program for a possible low-interest loan for the Marina 1 rehabilitation project.

Proposed fee increases include a 2% slip fee increase each of the next two years and \$25/foot slip transfer fee increases on July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2008. Staff does not anticipate or recommend any parking fee changes for hourly rates or annual permits over the next two years.

Staff will present the Harbor Commission budget recommendation to the Council in April or May. The Council will adopt the FY 2008/2009 budget in late June. If you're interested in these budgetary issues, please check the Department's website for notices and postings of the Harbor Commission and City Council agendas and staff reports.

Santa Barbara Maritime Museum's 6th Annual Sea Festival

The era of tall ships comes to life at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum's Sea Festival with the return of the *Spirit of Dana Point*, an 18th century 118-foot privateer on April 21st and 22nd. Dockside and onboard activities feature performers in period costume, a remotely operated vehicle, guided museum tours, crafts, a touch tank, storytelling and more.

The museum's Sea Festival is on Saturday and Sunday, April 21st and 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tall ship tours are from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. for Maritime Museum members and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. for visitors. All activities, including tall ship tours, are free with museum admission: \$7 for Adults; \$4 for seniors, students, and youth; \$2 for children aged 1-5. Members are admitted free. For information, visit the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum's website at www.sbmm.org, or call (805) 962-8404 ext. 115.

New Patrol Officer Joins the Department

Wendy Cummings joined the Waterfront Department as Harbor Patrol Officer on February 15th, replacing Brian Quittner, who left the Department to pursue a business in the private sector.



Wendy served as an officer with Avalon Harbor Patrol before joining our team. Prior to that, she worked as a LA City Firefighter/Paramedic for 20 years and still keeps her Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic certification current. Wendy holds a U.S. Coast Guard 100-ton Master's License with auxiliary sail, radar observer and commercial towing endorsements. She has completed Department of Boating and Waterways training in Boating Safety and Enforcement, Marine Firefighting and Boating Under the Influence Enforcement.

Outside of work, Wendy enjoys sailing her 30-foot Pacific Sea Craft. She has raced and crewed on numerous vessels from British Columbia to the Sea of Cortez over the past 25 years. She single-handed her vessel from Honolulu to Dana Point and has worked as a delivery captain of vessels from San Francisco to Puerto Vallarta.

Wendy brings a wealth of boating and public-safety experience, as well as a helpful, friendly attitude to her new position.



New Property Management Specialist

On December 18, 2006, Greg Johnson became the Department's new Property Management Specialist, replacing Bob Feron, who retired to the Palm Desert area after five years of City service.

Greg has a California Real Estate License and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. He also has 13 years' property management experience in the Santa Barbara area, most recently with Kennedy Accounting and prior to

that, Bartlein & Company. Greg's duties at the Waterfront Department include administration of leases, rental properties and Business Activity Permits. Greg also assists with revenue control and insurance compliance, and ensures timely collection of rents and fees. Greg can be reached at (805) 897-1961 with questions relating to waterfront properties or Business Activity Permits.



Mandatory Boater Education?

By: Captain Steve McCullough, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

More than 30 states require recreational boaters to be educated in safe, legal boat operation, but California is currently not one of them. That could change, however, as marine associations and boating advocacy groups actively promote mandatory boater education. The California Legislature, in fact, may consider a proposal for mandatory boater education this year. Several approaches are being considered, most of which focus on boaters passing a written test before taking to the water.

Although not taking a formal position on the matter, the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) has hosted public workshops to discuss mandatory boater education and ways to implement an education/certification program. Meanwhile, Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) says it will introduce Mandatory Boater Certification legislation this spring.

The Marina Recreation Association, California Harbor Masters and Port Captains Association and RBOC are jointly designing the proposed boater education/certification program. The groups meet regularly to seek consensus on draft legislative language, a recent iteration of which can be viewed on DBW's website at www.dbw.ca.gov. In an effort to include the public in this process, RBOC has designed a boater survey to gather input on the proposed legislation. Slip permittees in Santa Barbara Harbor received a copy of the RBOC survey in their March billing. If you haven't filled it out yet, you can find the survey online at www.rbooc.org.

Finally, if you wish to comment directly on the proposed legislation or wish to be further involved in this process, please email DBW's Margarita Sanchez at msanchez@dbw.ca.gov. Waterfront staff, meanwhile, will keep you informed on this important boater-safety issue through *Docklines* and periodic reports to the Harbor Commission.

Harbor Nautical Swap Meet Moves to Biannual Schedule

The Harbor Nautical Swap Meet, where boaters swap gear and sea stories, has moved from an annual event to a biannual event. The next Swap Meet will be held in April 2008.

Begun in April 2005, the event initially drew 42 vendors, but vendor participation declined 21% in 2006. While Waterfront staff believes the Swap Meet continues to be a valuable event for local boaters, it appears a biannual schedule may better suit the needs of mariners who have equipment needs or accumulated goods to sell.

Also, staff believes an annual Swap Meet might possibly change the character of the event from a boaters' get-together to a display of goods from wholesale and retail outlets. In order to maintain a high level of local interest and the "folksy" nature of the Swap Meet, Waterfront staff will conduct the next one in April 2008. So, save your extra boat gear, fishing equipment, used surfboards and such, or start your list of "wanted" items for next year's Harbor Nautical Swap Meet. See you then!